

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims, in the Application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method of accessing a platform independent input method editor (IME) from an underlying operating system, comprising:

receiving keystrokes at an operating system-based input;

forming a character sequence from said received keystrokes, the character sequence being rendered as a desired character;

passing the character sequence to an IME device driver, the IME device driver converting the character sequence into a first encoding format;

passing the character sequence encoded in the first format to an operating system-based IME service module;

from the operating system-based IME service module, calling said platform independent IME to convert said character sequence to a corresponding code point in a second encoding format, the code point being a value assigned to the desired character in a specification of the second encoding format; and

transferring said code point to an operating system-based output.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving step comprises receiving said keystrokes at an active input control in an application associated with said operating system.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, the first encoding format is an encoding format suitable for editing said keystrokes at said active input control, and for forming said character sequence.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said character sequence is converted to the second encoding format by the operating system-based service module.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said platform independent IME is a Java-based Unicode IME, and said second encoding format is Unicode.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein calling said platform independent IME comprises calling a Java IME character handling method via a Java Native Interface.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said Java IME character handling method is called from said operating system-based IME service module running on an operating system service manager.

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